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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of another tiring and extraordinary academic year, we can reflect on the many positives that have been achieved and also look forward to the fact that we will no longer have to follow the restrictions that impact upon our lives every day.

The guidance around COVID and the safety precautions that we have been following since the start of this pandemic will continue to be followed until the end of the academic year. I am sure you are aware of the large number of pupils in other local schools who are self-isolating at the moment. Even though we have been fortunate that this has not impacted upon our school, I want to ensure that pupils and staff can go into their holidays without having their own personal vacations imposed upon.

Please continue testing over the holidays. NHS Track and Trace have developed and improved the self-test reporting. Therefore, parents can now create accounts for the whole household.

Miss. Tickell has emailed a letter out with the details of the Personal Development days which will run in school from Monday 19th July until the Wednesday 21st July. This is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that our pupils are educated about some very important, relevant and current issues. I am sure you understand that schools are more than just the education that takes place in the classroom; we take very seriously the life lessons that we teach our pupils so that they can work effectively and safely in modern society.

The last day of the academic year always finishes at 12.40 pm and this is the same this year. On Wednesday 21st July 2021 we will finish at 12.40 pm. Pupils in receipt of free school meals can order a packed lunch if they wish for that day. The kitchen must receive the order by Monday 19th July.

Those pupils who catch school transport will be able to do so as normal, with the exception of the pupils who catch the 12S and 877 from the Newport Road. There will be a bus that comes on to the school bus park to collect these pupils on this day.

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At the moment the guidance is still a little unclear on how pupils will be returning to school in September. Pupils will need to take two lateral flow tests at the beginning of the academic year. Your parental consent is still valid from the last time that we tested pupils returning to school. However, if you no longer wish for your child to have an LFT test please notify the office. To allow schools the capacity to be able to accommodate this, there will be the need for pupils to return to school in a staggered manner. The current plan for pupils returning to school is as follows:

Thursday 2nd September 2021 – pupils in Year 7, 8 and 6th Form

Friday 3rd September 2021 – pupils in Years 10 and 11

Monday 6th September 2021 – pupils in Year 9

This may change if the guidance changes closer to the start of the academic year. We will keep you informed by email over the holidays of any changes. The plan for September 2021 is that many of the changes implemented to follow the guidance set by the Department of Education will no longer be required from September. Therefore, there will be no need for staggered starts and finishes. Pupils need to be in their form rooms by 8.45 am and the school day for all pupils will finish at 3.00 pm. The school timetable will return to a mixture of single and double periods. Break and lunch times will be at the same time for all pupils.

The normal expectations for school uniform will also return to the usual high standards, with PE kit required to be brought into school and changed into, then changed back out of when the pupils have finished their lesson. Further guidance on uniform is included in the Pupil Information Pack, which you will receive shortly.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer break, and look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back at the start of the academic year.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Christey
Headteacher